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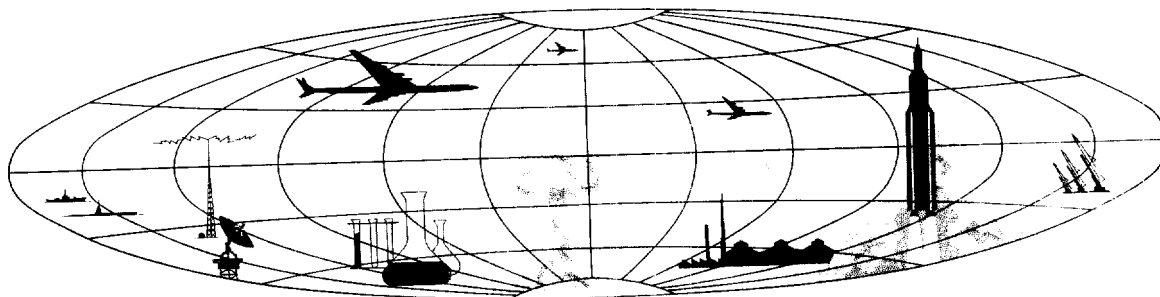
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NERCHINSK PROBABLE STORAGE DEPOT

(51-59N 116-33E)

NERCHINSK, CHITA OBLAST, USSR

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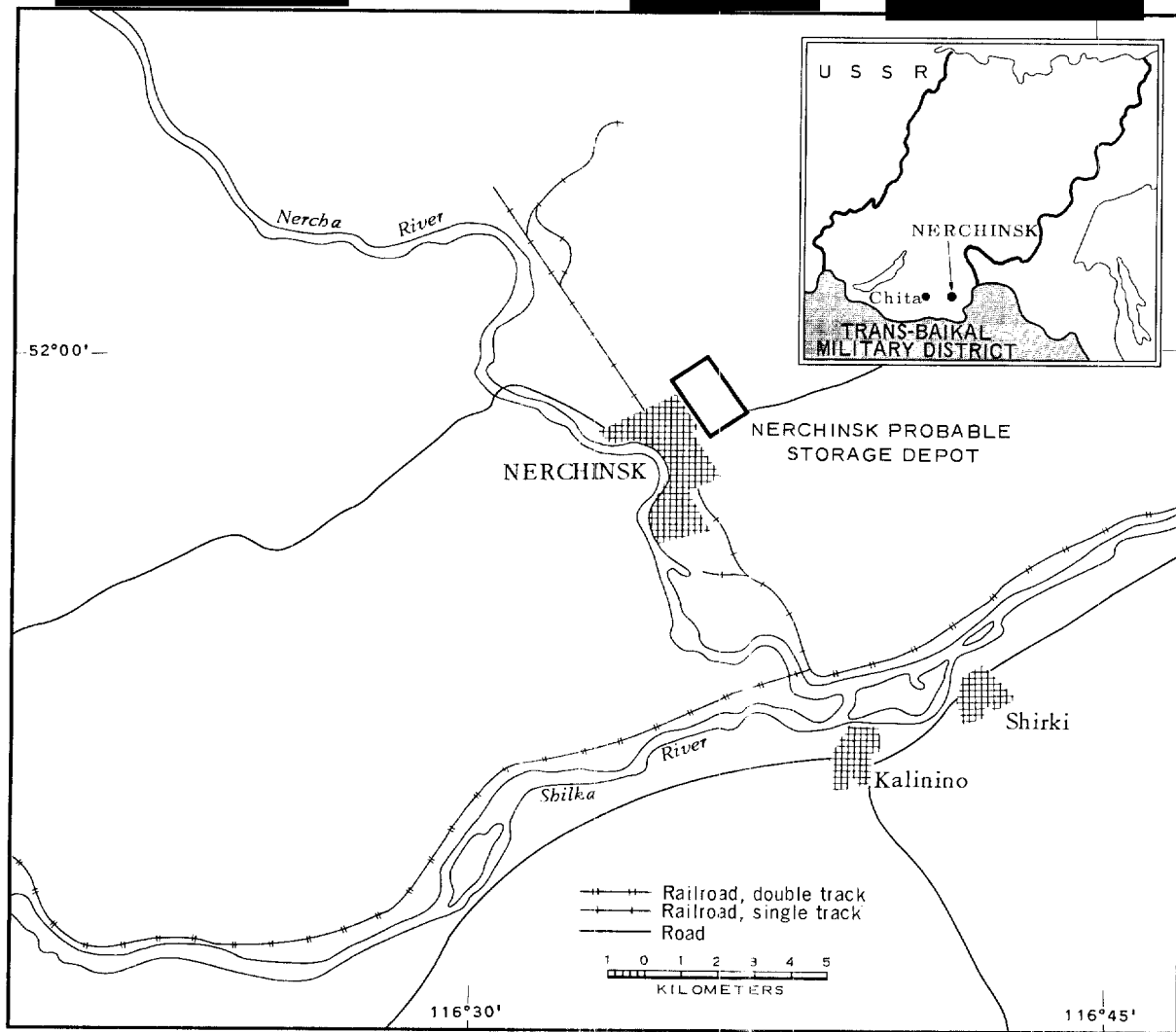


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF NERCHINSK PROBABLE STORAGE DEPOT.

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SUMMARY

The Nerchinsk Probable Storage Depot (listed in Bombing Encyclopedia as Nerchinsk Army Barracks) is located on the east edge of Nerchinsk (51-59N 116-35E), and 115 nautical miles (nm) east of Chita (Figure 1). Transportation facilities consist of an all-weather east-west highway access and an all-weather road connection to rail facilities one nm west.

This probable storage depot encompasses approximately 300 acres and includes a total of 70 buildings which consist of nine probable administrative buildings/barracks, three possibly associated administrative buildings/ barracks, 23 probable Class-1 storage buildings,

nine unidentified secondary storage buildings, 16 support/maintenance buildings, and seven possibly related support buildings. There is a probable POL storage facility 1.5 nm north-northwest of the installation, but it is not believed to be associated with the probable storage depot (Figures 2 and 3).

An analysis of photography from the initial coverage in [REDACTED] indicates that this installation has undergone no apparent physical change during this period. The installation was blanketed by medium snow cover on all photography suitable for analysis.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

There is road access to the Chita-Khabarovsk line of the Trans-Siberian railroad.

Road Service

An all-weather prepared surface road connects the installation to a major east-west highway, and it also connects to a rail siding one nm west. A network of secondary roads radiates from the town.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains seven probable barracks and two probable administrative buildings, one of which is L-shaped. This area probably consists of housing and administrative space for personnel directly assigned to the depot.

Area D2 contains three large multistory possible barracks and two small associated support buildings. These buildings are contiguous to the town and may possibly function as multi-family dwellings for personnel not specially associated with the installation.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains 23 probable storage buildings. The absence of rail facilities indicates that only relatively light items are stored in these buildings.

Area E2 contains nine probable storage buildings. The type of storage is probably similar, but secondary to the larger storage area.

POL Storage Area

Area G contains two vertical tanks 50 feet in diameter, three vertical tanks 75 feet in diameter, nine vertical tanks 25 feet in diameter, three vertical tanks 35 feet in diameter, and 4 support buildings. A military function for this area cannot be confirmed.

Other Buildings

Area H1 has four maintenance/support buildings and probably serves as maintenance support for the depot.

Area H2 has seven probably associated support buildings.

Area H3 has seven possibly associated support buildings. The location of this area indicates that it is possibly a non-related activity.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains two probable vehicle maintenance buildings, 75 by 100 feet and 30 by 75 feet, and one unidentified structure. Slight track activity is noted in the vicinity of the buildings.

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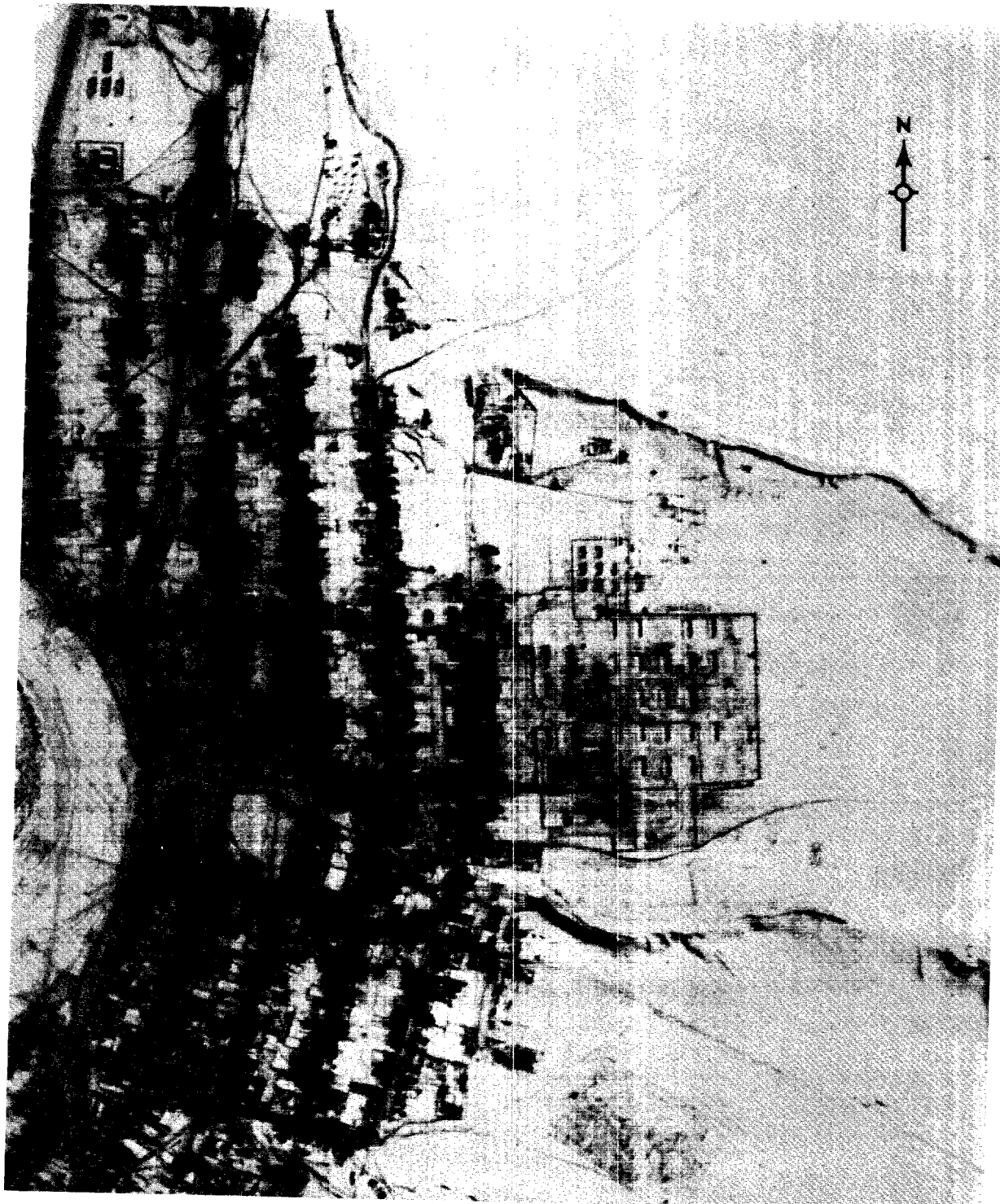


FIGURE 2. NERCHINSK PROBABLE STORAGE DEPOT, NERCHINSK, USSR, [REDACTED]

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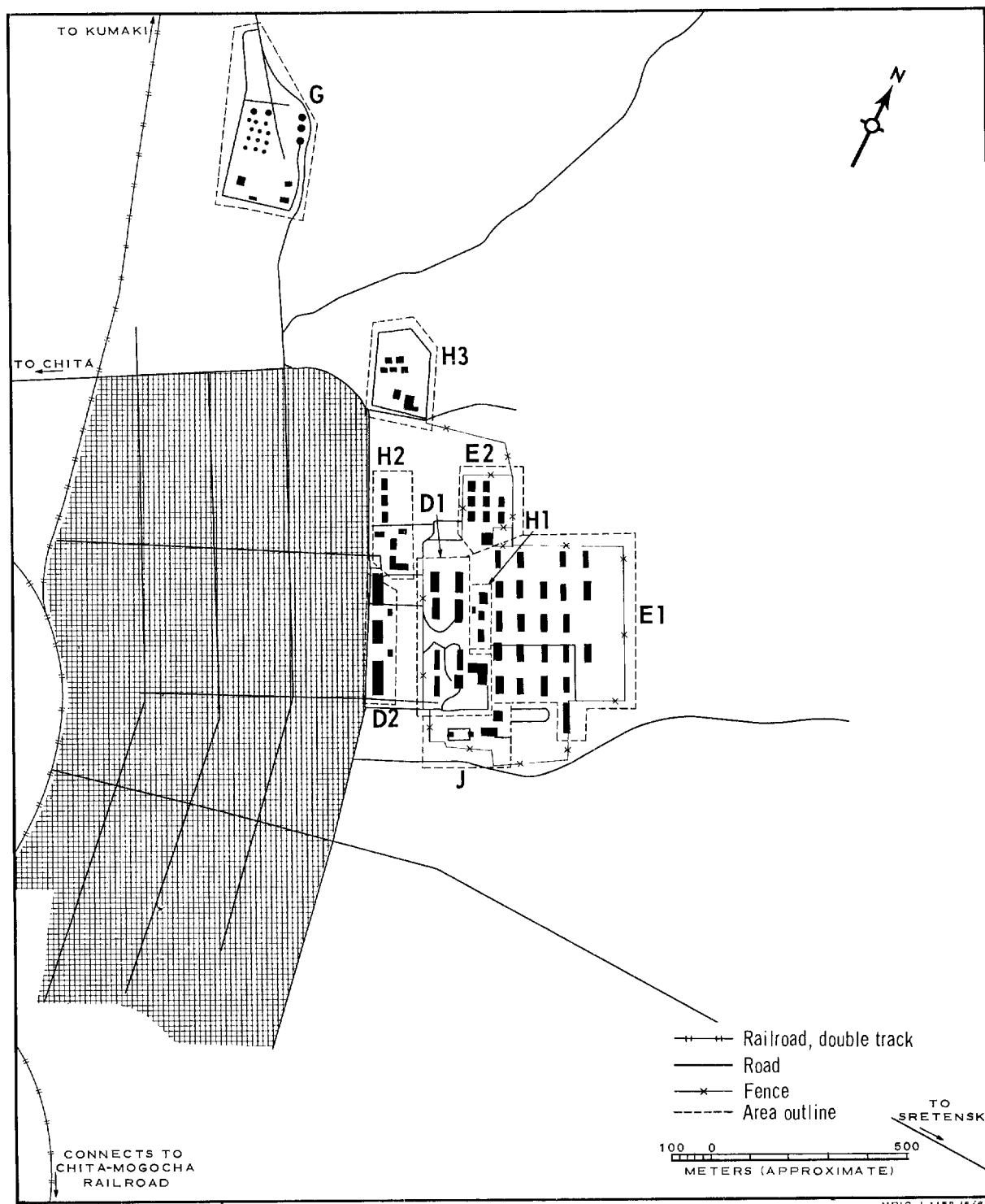


FIGURE 3. NERCHINSK PROBABLE STORAGE DEPOT. Sketch compiled from [REDACTED]

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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